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CPR WILL LEAVE ONE SHIP ON VICTORIA-MAINLAND RUN

Tragic Aftermath of Tug Sinking

Grappling lifeboat ashore in heavy seas after sinking of tug Henry Foss are Salt Spring Island air-sea rescue men. Boat from the Foss held body of First Mate Lawrence Berg, who was strapped to seats. Six of seven-man crew drowned.

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Six Die In Icy Strait

Crew of the foundering towboat Henry Foss would probably have been saved if they had remembered to radio for help, the sole survivor of seven said yesterday.

Dead are Capt. Warren Waterman, 47; mate Lawrence Berg, 56; assistant engineer Martin Gullstein, 51; deckhand Oswald Sorenson, 47; deckhand Richard Lothian and cook Erick Danielson, 60, all of Port Angeles.

Sole survivor of the crew, described by the vessel's owners as an "all-star crew," was chief engineer Edward Hanson, 41, plucked from the icy waters by the ferry Cy Peck after he had clung 4½ hours to an overturned lifeboat.

'JUST PANICKED'

"I guess we just panicked and forgot to radio for help," Hanson said from his Ganges Medical Centre bed yesterday afternoon.

An RCMP patrol boat was only a few miles away and an SOS would have brought it to the scene in a short time.

The 90-foot towboat is believed to have gone down after striking a reef near Beaver Point, Salt Spring Island, in a 70-mile gale around 4 a.m.

JUMPED FOR BOATS

The crew scrambled for the boats after the holed vessel was backed off the reef and began to sink rapidly.

It was the second ill move.

"If we had stayed on the reef," Hanson said, "we might have had a better chance. But we didn't realize how badly she was holed."

Put over the side the "big lifeboat" capsized repeatedly in the wild seas. Finally the struggling men grew "too weak" to right it, "and just tried to hang on."

Rescuers said mate Lawrence Berg was found tied into the overturned lifeboat, smaller of the two aboard the tug.

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Bodies of drowning victims were picked up by different vessels. Here forest service boat Forest Supervisor, is at Government Wharf, Ganges, while rescuers unload two bodies. Launch Sharon Ann picked up another; an RCMP craft picked up one; ferry Cy Peck one body and sole survivor; unidentified boat picked up last victim.

Jammed Prisons 'An Emergency'

OTTAWA (CP) — Justice Minister Fulton Friday described overcrowding in federal penitentiaries as an emergency.

He told the Commons that the situation is particularly bad at St. Vincent de Paul near Montreal and at New Westminster, B.C., where more prisoners could not be admitted.

It was for this reason that his department had taken over a former quarantine station at William Head, near Victoria, and a wartime army camp at Valleyfield, Que., as quarters for surplus prisoners.

Speaking during a debate on penal reform that grew out of the House study of supplementary spending estimates, Mr. Fulton emphasized that use of the William Head and Valleyfield quarters is only a temporary measure designed to relieve overcrowding.

These steps should not be regarded as the start of new institutions, unless it was found that new penitentiaries in those two centres would fit into an over-all plan now being prepared by a three-man government committee on penal reform.

The committee was set up after a federal-provincial conference last October agreed in principle on implementation of the Fauteux committee report that recommended wider federal responsibility for the custody of law offenders.

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Ottawa Sees Compromise

Attorney-General Robert Bonner emerged late last night from lengthy talks with CPR president N. R. Crump and stated he is optimistic over prospects for continuation of direct ship service to Victoria.

And the Daily Colonist learned from reliable Ottawa sources that agreement had been reached with the CPR to continue the service with one round-trip daily between Vancouver and Victoria for the rest of the winter season.

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RETURNS IN FALL

It is understood that when the summer service comes off again in the fall, the once-daily schedule will resume until B.C. government ferries are running early next year. Seattle sailings will be cancelled as planned Feb. 25.

Mr. Bonner told the Colonist by long-distance phone from Ottawa "my version" of the outcome did not include a settlement. He said, however, Friday's talks had gone well and "if it turns out badly today, it will be contrary to my expectations."

The attorney-general said he is due to meet again with Mr. Crump this afternoon.

"I am optimistic over the outcome of those discussions," Mr. Bonner said.

SEVERAL CONFERENCES

Earlier in the day, the attorney-general had meetings with Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Works Minister Howard Green and Justice Minister Davie Fulton. It is understood that Mr. Green was one of the chief negotiators of the settlement.

The attorney-general flew to Ottawa armed with the legislature's unanimous resolution asking the federal government to assure continuation of the year-round service linking Victoria with the mainland.

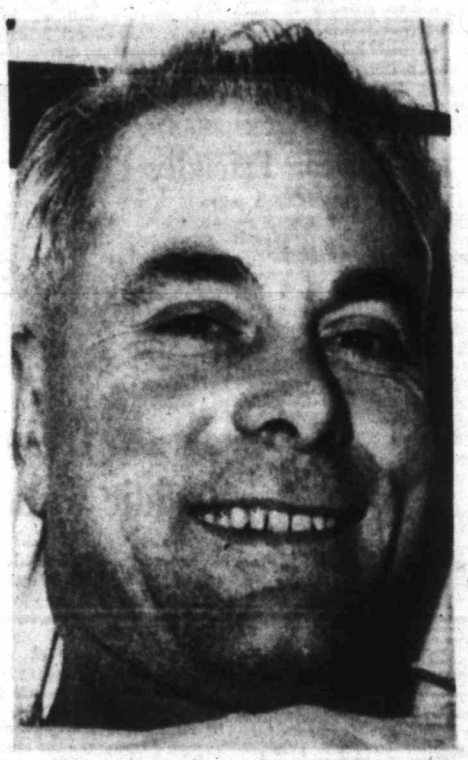
Mr. Bonner said he found federal government leaders "interested" in the plight of Victoria, but to all intents and purposes powerless to act because "in this instance, the CPR is answerable to no one."

The attorney-general said he wished to make clear that "my expectations arise from Mr. Crump and no one else."

PRINCIPAL PROBLEM

Mr. Bonner said the problem has been to impress upon the CPR the dislocation and impact of the imminent cancellation of the winter service. He described yesterday's talks with Mr. Crump as "most useful" and said the CPR president indicated — "at least, it was my impression, that he is sympathetic to our cause."

The attorney-general said the matter of a federal subsidy to keep the ships running did not come up during the talks.



EDWARD HANSON
. . . uneasy on Friday 13th

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'Wife's Prayer Saved My Life'

Sole survivor of the tragic sinking off Salt Spring Island of the Port Angeles, Wash., tug Henry Foss, which claimed six lives, was Chief Engineer Edward Hanson, 41, of Port Angeles, who told his story last night from a Ganges hospital bed.

By EDWARD HANSON

My wife's prayers saved me.

Yesterday was World Prayer Day and I'm sure my wife was praying.

I think that's why I'm alive today.

We left Port Angeles at midnight Friday the 13th.

The men all felt uneasy about leaving in a storm on such a bad-luck day. We had a funny feeling.

AT FOUR O'CLOCK

I was in bed when we hit at four o'clock in the morning. Mate (Lawrence) Berg was at the wheel when we hit.

It wasn't the storm that caused the wreck. The tug could have survived a lot worse than that.

I just don't know how it happened.

We had about 15 minutes before the ship went down. Everything seemed to go wrong.

TUG HIT REEF

The tug hit a reef. If we had stayed there we all might have been saved.

I don't know how we hit the bottom. The tug had been over that course many times before.

We were so excited we all forgot about radioing for help.

I guess everybody thought that the others were sending out the message.

FULL SPEED

We all got up and went on deck and tried to back the tug off at full speed reverse.

We got off and then began to put the two small boats over. We got in them and then the tug tipped and all the deck gear and the mast came down on us, swamping us.

Both boats overturned. We were all clinging to them and were were being thrown wildly around by the waves. We righted the big lifeboat two or three times until we got too weak, then hung on to it.

Three of the fellows let go in the first 20 minutes. Others lasted longer. The older men dropped away first.

I heard them dying. They groaned, gasped and dropped off one by one. We all had lifejackets on.

Finally it was just Dick Lothian and myself clinging to the boat.

I was spreadeagled on the keel and he was in the water wearing his lifejacket. All that time we never saw another boat.

The other boat floated away from us. In the last hour, Dick was weakening quickly and I was holding him with the one hand and clinging to the boat with the other.

Then I saw the Cy Peck. I raised my hand to wave and had to let Dick go.

HE WAS ALIVE

He drifted away about 20 feet. He was alive when he drifted away.

I thought I was gone too. I didn't think I could have lasted much longer.

Another few minutes and it would have been too late.

Hanson was picked up by the ferry Cy Peck 4½ hours after the Henry Foss sank.

The bodies of the six other crew members were recovered later off Salt Spring Island.

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'It's a Miracle He Was Saved'

"We all went to church tonight to thank God Ed was saved," Mrs. Edward Hanson told the Colonist last night by telephone from Port Angeles.

"I was praying for him this trip, as I do on all trips," said the wife of the sole survivor of the tug sinking off Salt Spring Island.

"It's a miracle he was saved. "But what a cruel thing that his shipmates—all our good friends here—were lost."

Also thanking God that their daddy was saved were daughters Mary Ann, 14, and Carol Lee, 12, and son, Eddie, 5.

"I just hope he doesn't get pneumonia now," said Mrs. Hanson, "because he had a bad cold when he left."

Bulletins

KINGSTON, Ont. — An oil stove explosion sent a flash fire ripping through a crowded dance hall early today. Fifty persons were taken to hospital with serious burns.

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MONTREAL—Two persons were killed and several injured early today in a spectacular fire in a mid-town apartment building.

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ASHLAND, Ky.—Fire swept through a business apartment building, killing "at least 10" persons.

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WASHINGTON — Concern that State Secretary Dulles may have a recurrence of cancer spread through the capital last night, although his hernia operation was termed a success.

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BERBRIGGEN — Surprise rumblings from a huge creeping landslide increased fears that the end may be near for this tiny Swiss village.

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RANGOON—Burma's political crisis entered a new phase Friday when caretaker Premier Gen. Ne Win announced his resignation.

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OTTAWA—The CBC studied the latest union proposals on the Montreal producers' strike amid reports of an impending collapse in negotiations.

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RALEIGH — Two small Negro boys involved in North Carolina's "kissing case" were released from reform school.

Kordel Eating Plan Available by Mail

Why not try Lelord Kordel's better-eating plan in connection with the current series, "Stay Alive Longer!"?

Free copies of this plan are available by dropping a line to The Daily Colonist and enclosing stamped, self-addressed envelope. (A five-cent stamp should be used.)

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